



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Portion of the Cooper Hand Tool Site
Cheraw, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through July 20, 2013.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 13-5582-NRP, will affect approximately 10.05 acres identified by tax map number 258-010-001-004. The Town of Cheraw ("Cheraw") wants to buy the property from its current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Cheraw.

The portion of the Property under this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is undeveloped woodland. General location uses around the property include Cooper Hand Tools to the north with woodlands beyond; residential property to the east and south; a recreational facility to the west.

Cheraw intends to use the property to extend the neighboring Arrowhead Park facility. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Cheraw to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution. Cheraw did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold Cheraw responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, Cheraw will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, Cheraw will test soil and groundwater from the property. If significant contamination is found, Cheraw will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to keep Brownfield sites in productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/publicnotice.htm> . Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through July 20, 2013. Questions or comments may be directed to Alex Fulmer, telephone (803) 898-0932 email FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.